The Community Church in Harrington Park, NJ Mid-Week Lenten Service

February 21, 2024 7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE "Meditation" Jules Massenet

Barbara Ciannella, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105

Leader: Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to Him by name! Tell everyone you meet what He

has done!

People: Sing Him songs; belt out hymns; translate His wonders into music!

Leader: Honor His holy name with Hallelujahs, you who seek God. Live a happy life!

People: Keep your eyes open for God, watch for His works; be alert for signs of His

presence.

HYMN SING (The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, everybody who lives in this world is surrounded by so many needs. Some of them are overwhelming – addiction, homelessness, mental illness, anxiety. Our world often says to people who are going through tough times, "Well, you're on your own." And we in the church don't distinguish ourselves enough from the world. God, we also leave Your beloved people to struggle on their own, instead of bringing the healing of Jesus into the world. And so, we ask for forgiveness. And a new heart. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #813

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Living Hope" Phil Wickham

Les Cox, Barbara Ciannella

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 5:1-20 p. 39 (NT)

MEDITATION "Come Out" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah" #682

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Mark Hayes

Barbara Ciannella, piano

*Please stand if you are able.

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in your name Jesus Christ, my living hope

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Jesus, yours is the victory, whoa!

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Jesus Christ, my living hope Oh God, you are my living hope